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SUBJECT: INDIRECT PLO CRITICISM OF SYRIA

1. AHRAM FEBRUARY 20 CARRIES BOX ON INSIDE PAGE WHICH REPORTS COMMENT BY CAIRO-BASED ASSISTANT CHIEF OF PLO POLITICAL OFFICE SA'ID KAMAL IN WHICH HE STATES THAT ATTEMPTS BY SOME ARAB STATES TO DEFEND JORDAN IS DIRECT ATTACK ON INTERESTS OF PLO, WHICH PARTICIPATED WITH BOTH SYRIA AND EGYPT IN OCTOBER 1973 WAR. KAMAL ALSO STATED THAT PLO WILL NOT LOSE HOPE IN FACE OF THESE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES WITH ERSTWHILE FIRM SUPPORTERS AND "WILL NOT SURRENDER ITS INTERESTS IN THE UPCOMING STRUGGLE."

2. COMMENT: KAMAL OBVIOUSLY ENGAGING IN THINLY VEILED CRITICISM OF SYRIAN DEFENSE OF CONVOCAION OF JORDANIAN PARLIAMENT, BUT ISSUE OF PLO-SYRIAN RELATIONS APPARENTLY NOW BEING DOWN-PLAYED IN ARABIC LANGUAGE CAIRO PRESS. ENGLISH LANGUAGE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE, HOWEVER, DOES CARRY UNCLASSIFIED

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PROMINENTLY FEATURED COMMENT BY PLA SPOKESMAN STATING

THAT PLO AND ASAD HAD REQUESTED TRANSFER OF 'AIN JALLUT
BRIGADE ELEMENTS FROM CAIRO TO FIGHT IN LEBANON IN JANUARY.
COMMENTS BY PLA SPOKESMAN ALSO COVERED IN ARABIC
LANGUAGE DAILIES, BUT IN SMALL ARTICLES BURIED ON INSIDE
PAGES.
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